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We are also enclosing a copy of each of the following citations that are listed in form PTO-1449:

U.S. Publication No: US 2002/0195846 A1; Great Britan Patent No: GB 1 483 567; European Patent Nos: EP 1 077 155 A1 and EP 0627 340 A1; and German Patent Nos. DE 199 24 236 C1; and DE 299 1571 U1.

Also enclosed are Japanese Abstracts of Japan; Vol. 2000, No. 07, September 29, 2000 (2000-09-29), & JP 2000 118280 A (NHK Spring Co Ltd), April 25, 2000 (2000-04-25).

It is applicants' belief that none of the above citations describe that which is claimed in the present invention.

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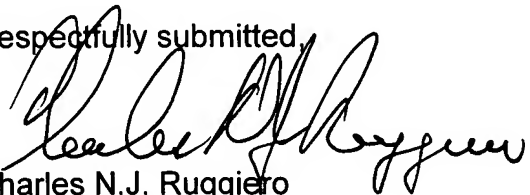
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Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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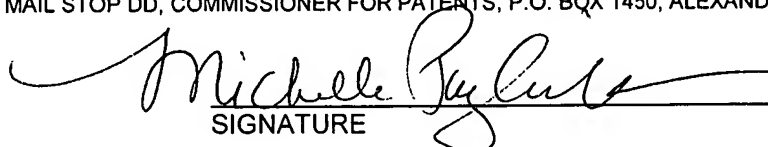
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